

AT THE COURT HOUSE

An Abduction Case in Judge McHatton's Court.

ABOUT LITTLE FRANK DIGGS

A Youngster Whose Life's Troubles Begin Early—Wanted in Helena—In a Minor Key.

BUTTE, Aug. 22.—On complaint of a woman known about town as Irene Diggs and Irene Dandridge, a warrant was issued by Judge McMurray for the arrest of W. L. Ledford on the charge of abduction. Ledford was asked to appear in the police court this morning to answer the charge, but the case was indefinitely postponed and the woman took the matter to the district court and filed with Judge McHatton a petition in habeas corpus proceedings against Ledford and his wife. She sets out in her petition that she is the mother of Frank Diggs, aged 14 years, and that he was being unlawfully detained and confined and kept from her by Ledford and his wife, they having no right or claim on the child and no right to restrain or deprive the mother of the care and custody of the child. She states that the Ledfords have never legally or otherwise adopted the child. The petitioner further stated that she had good reasons to believe and did believe that the child was about to be removed from the jurisdiction of the court and that unless taken in charge of by the court's officers. Upon hearing the petition, Judge McHatton issued an order on the Ledfords to appear at the court chambers to-morrow morning and show cause why they restrain the child and deprive the mother of its care and custody. The sheriff was also instructed to take charge of the child until that time. Deputy Sheriff Richards served the order on Mrs. Ledford at her home on South Montana alley. A reporter accompanied the officer and to him Mrs. Ledford stated that the child, a handsome and bright boy, was brought to her house in February by the Diggs woman and left it there in Mrs. Ledford's care, the understanding being that its mother should pay for its keeping. For a short time the mother made the payments and then deserted her child altogether and went to Bozeman. While there she wanted to give the child to a sporting woman of that town, but when she came for it Mrs. Ledford refused to give it up and has since taken care of it as she would of her own child, although she can ill afford the expense, but did it to save the child. Since that time the mother of the boy returned to the city and is now employed as a "lady" waiter in the Clipper Shad's saloon. She was some years ago in a convent in Colorado with two daughters of Mr. Ledford, but later was found in a "house" in Denver by a man named Dandridge who brought her to Butte. When she brought the child to Mrs. Ledford she said Dandridge was the father of it, but has since denied it, and so has he. The last time she was asked to pay for the child's keeping she refused, saying that she had all she could do to support the "man" with whom she was living. She owes Mrs. Ledford about \$100 now. The lady says she does not desire to keep the child, but she wants her pay and wants the child to get a good home, for she considers its mother an unfit person to have its care and custody. A party from Anaconda was up a few days ago and desired to adopt the boy, and unless the court orders him to be turned over to his mother, the county commissioners will be applied to for his care or adoption. Mrs. Ledford and the child were taken to the court house, but when the judge heard her story she was permitted to go with the child on her own recognizance to appear with it to-morrow morning.

Wanted in Helena.

Sheriff Jeffries telegraphed from Helena this morning to Under Sheriff Gallagher requesting him to return the boy Jackson who was brought over here Saturday and identified as one of the trio who made an attempt on the life of Henry Williams. The Helena officer says he understood that the boy was only wanted here for the purpose of identification and that he was to be returned to Helena for trial on the charge of burglary. The fellow will probably be taken back to-morrow. The officers here think that both Jackson and his partner should be sent to Butte to be tried first on the charge of attempted murder. If they are tried in Helena for burglary they will hardly receive more than five years in the penitentiary, and it is doubtful if the courts here will ever get a chance at them.

Marital Misfits.

Charles Knight has been sued by his wife, Catherine, for a divorce. She sets out in her complaint that they were married in Virginia City, Nevada, in 1874, but for the last four years they have lived in Butte. She alleges that for two years past he has treated her in a cruel manner and beat her at numerous times. She also accuses her husband for infidelity and of supporting another woman. She asks for a divorce, alimony and counsel fees. Mary Nadeau also asks for a divorce from her husband, Peter Nadeau, to whom she was married in Butte in March, 1890. In February of this year he choked her and blackened her eyes without cause and made such threats that she considers her life in danger. As he is comparatively well fixed and she is in indigent circumstances, she asks for a division of property, temporary alimony and counsel fees as well as a divorce.

Court House Notes.

Sheriff Lloyd and daughter, Edith, returned to-day from a tour of the National park.

The Spain and Florence lode claims, in the Heber mining district, have been located by W. R. Allen and T. J. Ward.

The county superintendent and treasurer have been trying to figure out the meaning of the figures shown in the state superintendent's report, representing the affairs of the Butte City schools, but they gave it up as a bad job. The report, it is said, is sent in wrong and does not fairly represent the conditions, as by the figures printed it shows that about twice as much per capita is expended as is really the case. The superintendent will see that in future reports are made out properly.

Coeur d'Alene School.

Opens Sept. 29. Prepares boys for the best colleges and technical schools in the country. Boarding pupils, \$25 a year; no extras. References: Rt. Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D.; Rt. Rev. Phillips Brooks, D. D.; Major John D. Hall, M. D.; U. S. A. Address, Rev. Herman Page, A. B. (Harvard), Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

First Day of the Second Week of the Teachers' Institute.

BUTTE, Aug. 22.—The second week of the Butte summer normal school opened this morning with increasing interest, and the teachers all returned to duty with added determination and strength. Mr. Riley's opening remarks were received with interest and appreciation. He discussed the use of the summer institute and its growth. Missouri was taken as illustration, and extracts were read from the report of State Superintendent Wolfe. It may be found that the opposition to the institute comes from the unprogressive. The energetic teacher is ever on the side of progress and is for anything that will help him in his work. The school district derives the benefit from better work in the schools. If this will result from the institute then the district should pay for it, and the teachers should receive compensation for the time they put in the interest of the public. This, however, cannot be hoped for just now. The way for the teacher to accomplish a purpose is to make his work felt. When the public realizes the good of any measure they will give it hearty support.

Among the visitors to-day were Mr. Davies of the city library and Rev. Holmes of the M. E. church and their wives. Mr. Davies addressed the institute on the subject of reading and the work of the library in education. Mr. Davies outlined the purpose of a public library as first to provide healthful recreation; second, an opportunity for general culture. The use of fiction was ably treated. The library and schools have a common purpose and different means by which they may cooperate were presented.

All the teachers are now enrolled except Miss Teague. Miss Blackiston was enrolled to-day. She was quarantined at Tacoma and this delayed her. Among the visitors were Miss Cox, Mrs. Groeneveld, E. D. Elderkin and Miss Julia Darrow. Mr. Dwyer, a former teacher in Iowa and Wisconsin, was also a visitor. Rev. Holmes gave an interesting lecture on school economy and other subjects and Professor Merritt gave a series of interesting experiments in natural history.

TO FACE SHEEHY.

Frank Freeman and Jim King Want to Be Knocked Out.

BUTTE, Aug. 22.—What will be one of the greatest fights that Montana has ever seen was arranged at the STANDARD office to-night, when Joe Sheehy, Frank Freeman and Jim King posted their forfeits and signed the articles of agreement. Sheehy agrees to stop both Freeman and King in 12 rounds, six rounds each, with five-ounce California club gloves. If he succeeds, he gets all the stake money and gate receipts. If he fails he gets nothing. The match is to come off Sept. 14 at some place to be decided later, and it will be one of the fiercest contests ever seen in the state. Sheehy is comparatively unknown here, but his general appearance and his readiness to back himself with his own money will no doubt make him plenty of friends and backers. Freeman is a hard fighter and bested a 210-pound man in Idaho about two weeks ago. Sheehy is also after Abe Nixon's scalp and posted a forfeit of \$200 with him. Nixon wants to take either Freeman or King's place he will give one of the latter \$100 to step down and out. If this is not satisfactory Sheehy will fight Nixon to a finish when he has disposed of King and Freeman. As soon as the last one of these two steps out of the ring Nixon can step in and Sheehy will try to stop him too. Sheehy's forfeit will be left up until noon Wednesday and if it is not covered by that time he will take it as good evidence that Nixon does not want a go with him. This is the first time in the history of Montana that any man has undertaken to knock out three heavyweights in one night.

Tommy Hosty, aged 12, called at the STANDARD office to-night and issued a challenge to Johnny Maloney, aged 15, for a 10-minute drilling match, the contest to be for \$2 a side. If the challenge is not accepted in five days Hosty will claim the championship of the state.

FLASHY HAM'S CASE.

It Was Heard Yesterday in Judge Eddy's Court.

BUTTE, Aug. 22.—It was only such a crowd as the slums could produce that gathered in Judge Eddy's court this afternoon to listen to the preliminary hearing of Ham Thompson on a charge of rape. The crowd was about equally made up of blacks and whites, and the combined stench of unwashed bodies and stale tobacco was so strong that the court had in self-defense to order several recesses in order to obtain a little fresh air. A large number of witnesses were examined and the depraved crowd of spectators fairly revelled in a flood of obscenity and filth. It was late in the evening when court adjourned and Judge Eddy announced that the case would be taken up again next Wednesday, at which time the arguments will be made. Both principals in this case are colored. The defendant, who is already under bonds to the district court on a charge of larceny, is a very swell barber and a regular heart-breaker among the fair ones in the upper crust of colored society. The complaining witness is Frances Lewis, and as a result of her folly carries a diminutive little pickaninny in her arms. Thompson does not deny the main facts involved in the case; on the contrary he admits paternity of the child, but contends that the complaining was not, as is contended by herself and parents, under the age of consent at the time.

Real Estate Transfers.

BUTTE, Aug. 22.—The following real estate transfers were filed for record since our last report:

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| W. F. Kippen to Katie Donovan, lots 1 and 2, block 18, Park City addition. | 450 00 |
| J. C. Townsend to C. M. Edwards, 1/2 interest in the Sunset lode claim. | 1 00 |
| Eugene King to C. F. G. Pender et al., lot 19, block 2, Stanley addition. | 1 00 |
| C. M. Edwards to J. C. Townsend, 1/2 interest in the Mountain View lode claim. | 100 00 |
| E. A. McPherson to W. F. Kippen, one-fourth interest in the Ethel placer claim. | 300 00 |

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STIRRED UP THE CAMP

Walkerville Gossips Have a Sensation to Talk About.

ELOPED WITH A YOUNG GIRL

Thirty-Five-Year-Old Chas. Brown and Thirteen-Year-Old Carrie Keppeler Skip Out.

WALKERVILLE, Aug. 22.—Walkerville society is all torn up over a sensational affair which happened last night and which has set all the gossips' tongues wagging as though they were driven by double-compound triple-expansion engines. It was either an abduction or an elopement, but just which it will not be known until the runaway pair are captured. The man in the case is Charles Brown, a man about 35 years of age, who was employed by Telford Carpenter as a teamster, and the girl who either ran away with him or was carried off against her will is Carrie Keppeler, a young sister-in-law of Mr. Carpenter. Although she is only 13 years of age, Miss Keppeler is said to be so well developed that she looks much older and she is also spoken of as being very pretty and just the kind of a girl that the average man might be expected to fall in love with. Miss Keppeler's mother went to Deer Lodge some time ago and since then she has been living with another brother-in-law in Telegraph gulch. About a week ago she came down to visit with her sister, Mrs. Carpenter, who lives in Brown's gulch. She and Brown saw each other then for the first time and it was a case of love at first sight on his part, at least. He proceeded to make the most desperate kind of love and availed himself of every opportunity to take long strolls with the girl out into the deep dark woods where he could tell her of his undying love and overpowering passion without fear of being disturbed. This sort of thing went on for a week and was frequently commented upon by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, but as the girl showed no sign of affection for Brown they paid no particular attention to the matter, supposing it was simply a harmless flirtation that would result in nothing more serious than Brown getting his head bumped. In this belief they were very badly mistaken.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter went down into the valley to visit, leaving Miss Keppeler and Brown at home alone. They returned at 10 o'clock at night and were greatly surprised at finding the house dark and deserted. They at first supposed the young couple had gone out for a walk and lost all track of time—as people in love have a way of doing, but when they did not return by midnight they began to fear that something was wrong somewhere. A search of the rooms occupied by Brown and the girl revealed the fact that some of their clothing and a large value were gone and the conviction then forced itself upon them that the bold bad man had either induced the girl to run away with him or had carried her off by main strength and awkwardness. Bright and early this morning Mr. Carpenter appeared before Judge Herbert and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Brown on the charge of abduction. Marshal Kingsbury and Mr. Carpenter instituted a search and traced the runaways to the Montana Central depot, where they found that they had taken the early morning train for Great Falls. Sheriff Lloyd was then visited and a message sent to Sheriff Hamilton at Great Falls, asking him to arrest and hold the couple. The following description of them was given: Charles Brown, age 35, weight 160 to 170, sandy complexion and light moustache, wore black hat and brown checked coat.

Carrie Keppeler—age 13 years, dark complexion and long black hair, wore black dress and weighs about 135 pounds. Brown and Miss Keppeler must have spent last night at some hotel in Butte, but the place could not be found. They could not have been married last evening and no one knows whether they are going to legalize their relations or not. Opinions differ as to whether it was an elopement or an abduction, with which offense Brown is charged in the warrant. The girl's sister and brother-in-law maintain that the girl cared nothing for Brown and for this reason they are firmly of the opinion that he used some foul means to induce her to go away with him. It is extremely probable that they will be caught at Great Falls, but if not messages will be sent to other points along the line and every effort made to run them down.

The funeral of the late George R. Philpot, chief carpenter at the Alice, which took place yesterday afternoon, was one of the largest ever seen here. The Alice fire department turned out in a body in full uniform, and the members of the Masonic lodge, to which order the deceased belonged were also present. Impressive funeral services were conducted in the Masonic and Odd Fellows hall by Rev. J. H. Little. The Masons had charge of the services at the grave.

E. I. Golden and "Missouri Dave" are leasing on the Sullivan well, opposite the Masonic and Odd Fellows building, and are taking out some very rich water with a little ore. Eleven years ago this well supplied everybody in Walkerville with water. Eugene Sullivan owned it then and old timers can well remember how in dry times he used to keep the well covered up and securely locked so that there would be water enough to supply the wants of his own family. A year or so later another well was sunk opposite Dennis Driscoll's store and there was then water enough to supply everybody.

Sam Hall is spending a two weeks' vacation in the Kootenai country.

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Second—Fireman's tournament; first prize, \$150; second, \$50.
Third—Lacrosse game, Butte vs. Anaconda; prize, \$100.
Fourth—Coursing match; prize, \$50.
Fifth—Running high jump; first prize, \$7.50; second, \$2.50.
Sixth—Running long jump; first prize, \$7.50; second, \$2.50.
Seventh—Running hop, skip and jump; first prize, \$7.50; second, \$2.50.
Eighth—Standing high jump; first prize, \$7.50; second, \$2.50.
Ninth—Throwing heavy hammer; first prize, \$7.50; second, \$2.50.
Tenth—Putting heavy shot; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Eleventh—Throwing light hammer; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Twelfth—Putting light shot; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Thirteenth—Standing long jump; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Fourteenth—Pole vaulting; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Fifteenth—Foot race; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Sixteenth—Throwing car link; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Seventeenth—Hurdle race; prizes, \$7.50 and \$2.50.
Eighteenth—Ladies' waltz; prizes, \$10 and \$5.

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Special trains will leave Butte at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m., and Anaconda at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. Returning leave Deer Lodge at 6 and 11 p. m.

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